REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Independent claims 1, 6, 10, 34, 39, 43, 44, 48 and 52 have been amended to make clear that the claimed message includes a request, and that messages sent from the first client to the subscribers or the second client are filtered at each recipient, and have to pass the filter in order for the subscribers or second client to see the request. This is made clear at page 23, paragraph [0062] described in connection with FIG. 8 which states "the words in his request would have to pass the listener's filter in order for the listener to see the request." The independent claims 1, 6, 10, 34, 39, 43, 44, 48 and 52 claim, for instance, "filtering at said second client the message received from said first client" (claims 1,10, 34, 43, 44, and 52) or "filtering at each subscriber" (claims 6, 39, and 48) . This filtering at the second client or each subscriber is discussed, for instance, at paragraph [0055] which states: "The Pub/Sub service 304 distributes messages to SkillTap application running on client machines. One of these applications, App2 provides filtering techniques on incoming messages to eliminate messages that are not of interest to the client." This is further described in connection with Fig. 18 at paragraph [0078], "The requesters message is broadcast 1801 (published) to SkillTap client applications 1802 (listeners) that have subscribed to SkillTap. The SkillTap client application looks at the message and decides whether to present it to the user (listener)." As discussed in connection with Fig. 4, each client (for instance CLIENT2 306) has an application (for instance APP2 323) at each client location. In connection with FIG. 20, the local skilltap application is discussed in connection with, for instance, USER-A. At paragraph [0082] the personalized local Skilltap is described as: "Local Skilltap also records the user's preferences for SkillTap such as ... optional filters which can be invoked by a skilltap GUI ... ." Paragraph [0085] further describes: "Subscriber "B" is one of the subscribers to the SkillTap channel User "A" is using. Subscriber "B" has setup his local SkillTap application (as described for User "A" 1901) to Filter incoming messages, ..." It is submitted that the specification as filed, supports the claims that each client has a filter at the client's location. Other arguments previously made in previous amendments are incorporated herein be reference as if copied herein. It is submitted that the independent claims and all claims depended therefrom, are allowable, which allowance is respectfully requested.

It is submitted that this amendment after final is proper as it places the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal. The entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully requested.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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